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TO: Honorable Abel Herrero, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3884 by Dutton (Relating to the carrying of knives.), As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code as it relates to the carrying of knives. Under the provisions of the bill, certain knives would no longer be considered weapons and certain knife-related behaviors would no longer be considered weapons-related offenses. The Office of Court Administration and Texas Education Agency indicate the provisions of the bill would not result in a significant fiscal impact. This analysis assumes the bill would not result in a significant impact on state correctional agencies.

Local Government Impact

Implementing the provisions of the bill could decrease the number of offenders remanded to local jails. Changes in costs associated with enforcement, prosecution, and confinement are not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact. Changes in revenue from fines imposed and collected are not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 701 Central Education Agency

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